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SUBJECT: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO

(RAMON CRUZ OLIVARES)

REF: STATE 194199, NUEVO LAREDO 026 DTD 4 JUN 1975

1. DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS: SUBJECT CLAIMS THAT HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO CALL CONOFF AT TIME OF ARREST OR AT PLACE OF DETENTION, AND RECORDS SHOW THAT FIRST CONOFF VISIT TOOK PLACE NINE DAYS AFTER ARREST WHEN CONOFF ACCIDENTALLY CAME ACROSS SUBJECT WHILE ON ROUTINE VISIT TO PRISON. COURT RECORDS WERE CHECKED BUT DO NOT SHOW ANY COMPLAINT OF DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS. ALTHOUGH NO REPRESENTATION WAS MADE BY POST, DENIAL BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES OF EARLY CONSULAR ACCESS IS OF CONTINUING CONCERN AND IT IS HOPED THAT FUTURE PROBLEMS OF THIS TYPE MAY BE LESSENED, EXPECIALLY IN VIEW OF RECENT MEX ATTORNEY GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO FEDERAL OFFICIALS.

2. MISTREATMENT AT TIME OF ARREST: SUBJECT CLAIMS THAT HE WAS BEATEN WITH CLOSED FIST AND RIFLE ABOUT THE FACE AND BODY BUT THAT NO SERIOUS INJURY RESULTED. THOUGH SUBJECT MADE THIS COMPLAINT KNOWN TO AMCONSUL DURING INITIAL INTERVIEW, NO REQUEST WAS MADE FOR CONSULAR PROTECTION OR REPRESENTATION. FOR FEAR THAT IT WOULD PREJUDICE HIS CASE. FURTHER, SUBJECT DID NOT MENTION ISSUE OF MISTREATMENT TO COURT. A CHECK OF COURT RECORDS CONFIRMED THAT SUBJECT DID NOT REGISTER COMPLAINT REGARDING ANY PHYSICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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MISTREATMENT. POST THINKS THAT THIS ALLEGATION IS

DIFFICULT TO SUBSTANTIATE AT THIS LATE DATE AND THAT NO ACTION APPEARS FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME, SHOULD SUBJECT DECIDES HE NOW WANTS CONSULATE TO PROTEST.

- 3. COMMISSIONED WORK: SUBJECT IS AWARE OF COMMISSIONED WORK PROGRAM BUT IS NOT INTERESTED IN WORKING AT THIS TIME. CONOFF HAS RECOMMENDED THAT HE RECONSIDER THIS DECISION.
- 4. STATUS OF CASE: COURT HAS INFORMED POST THAT SUBJECT IS REPRESENTED BY PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THAT ORIGINAL LAWYER, MR FERNANDO PARTIDA, IS NO LONGER WORKING ON THE CASE. CASE IS NOW IN "CONCLUSIONES" PHASE, WITH DECISION EXPECTED BY THE END OF JANUARY 1976. POST CONTINUES TO MONITOR CASE AND WILL REPORT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. GOELZ

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